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## 2007 Poultry Production and Value

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Montana's value of egg production in 2007 was \$8.1 million, up almost double from last year, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Egg production in 2007 totaled 107 million eggs, up 3 percent from the previous year. The average price for eggs was \$0.904 per dozen, up from \$0.465 per dozen in 2006.

The U.S. value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2007 was \$50.8 million, down 6 percent from the \$53.8 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.6 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2006. The number of chickens sold in 2007 totaled 167 million, down 3 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2007 was \$6.68 billion, up 51 percent from the \$4.43 billion in 2006. Egg production totaled 90.6 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.3 billion eggs produced in 2006. In 2007, all eggs averaged 88.5 cents per dozen, compared with 58.2 cents in 2006.

### Chickens and Eggs: Production, Sales, and Value, 2006-2007 1/

Item	Unit	Montana		United States	
		2006	2007	2006	2007
CHICKENS					
Lost 2/	1,000 Head	74	72	101,078	100,663
Sold	1,000 Head	105	108	172,748	167,249
Pounds Sold	1,000 Lbs	326	400	918,977	906,809
Average Price	Dollars/Lb	0.006	0.006	0.058	0.056
Value of Sales	1,000 Dols	2	2	53,754	50,783
EGGS					
Produced	Million	104	107	91,328	90,581
Average Price	Dollars/Doz	0.465	0.904	0.582	0.885
Value of Prod.	1,000 Dols	4,031	8,059	4,431,745	6,678,147
1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period, December 1 of previous year through November 30, and excludes broilers. 2/ Includes death, rendered, and other losses during the 12-month period.					